

REMARKS

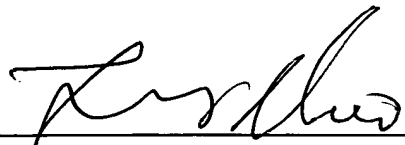
This document is filed in reply to the restriction requirement dated March 22, 2004. According to the restriction requirement, the claims are directed to eight groups of inventions drawn to methods of detecting or screening for a target body (Groups I, VI, and VII), a detection system (Group II), a method of analyzing biological agent cells (Group III), a method of screening a transplantation organ (Group IV), a method for assessing the efficacy of a drug candidate (Group V), and a method of screening for bacteria (Group VIII).

Applicants' counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on May 21, 2004, to discuss the restriction requirement. In the interview, Applicants' counsel proposed amending claims 17 and 18 such that they depend from claim 1 and do not include a preamble directed to "a method for screening." The Examiner agreed to consider claims 17-19 together with claims 1-7 if claims 17 and 18 were amended as proposed by Applicants' counsel.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I with traverse and ask that amended claims 17-19 be considered together with the claims of Group I. Claims 4, 17, and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from any of claim 1-4. No new matter has been added. Enclosed is a \$55 check for the Petition for One Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any charges to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket 00530-097001.

Respectfully submitted,

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